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## SHARP director closes month-long observance

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**DEBORAH INCE**  
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The Aberdeen Proving Ground Sexual Harassment and Assault Response Program SHARP held its Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM) closing ceremony April 23 at the Myer Auditorium.

The event was held in conjunction with "Honor Denim Day," during which individuals wear jeans to promote awareness about sexual violence.

The ceremony included a slide-show presentation displaying Team APG's SAAM activities a SHARP vignette by members of the U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command and an address by guest speaker Dr. Christine T. Altendorf, director of the U.S. Army's SHARP Office.

Altendorf assured listeners that the Army takes sexual assault and response prevention seriously and is working to eradicate sexual violence across the branch.

"I will tell you our chief of staff of the Army, our secretary of the Army, our sergeant major of the Army are in this 100 percent to

*See SHARP, page 14*



## Army Performance Triad Kickoff set for May 7

By **RACHEL PONDER**  
*APG News*

APG's Army Performance Triad Kickoff celebration is set for May 7, with several free events planned throughout the day. The Performance Triad is a pilot program launched by the Office of the Army Surgeon General and Army Medicine. The three pillars of the Performance Triad are activity, nutrition and sleep.

"Overall as an Army we are coming from being in a state of war to being in a state of recovery and rebuilding," said APG Performance Triad Action Officer 1st Lt. Joanna Moore, from Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic. "Our focus is changing from healing to preventing illnesses in the first place."

The Performance Triad pro-

*See PERFORMANCE, page 14*



Photo by Yvonne Johnson

(From left) RDECOM Command Sgt. Maj. Lebert Beharie congratulates the newly selected APG Noncommissioned Officer of the Year, Staff Sgt. Thomas Walker of ATEC, as Staff Sgt. James Colling, Sgt. Joshua Boggess, and Staff Sgt. Christopher Gilbert look on at the conclusion of the NCO and Soldier of the Year selection board at Billingsley Hall April 23.

## Top NCO, Soldier selected

By **YVONNE JOHNSON**  
*APG News*

Staff Sgt. Thomas Walker of the U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command and Spc. Taylor Sykes of the 22d Chemical Battalion (TE) outshined competitors to be named the Aberdeen Proving Ground Noncommissioned Officer and Soldier of the Year after selection board proceedings at Billingsley Hall April 23.

The two will be honored during the Military Appreciation Week Luncheon hosted by the Harford County

Chamber of Commerce May 15 and will be tasked to represent APG during programs and events throughout the coming year.

It is the second consecutive year that an ATEC NCO won the top honors. Board president, Command Sgt. Maj. Lebert O. Beharie called the group of competitors "highly professional" and said they represented their units well. The two winners simply



Walker



Sykes

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## Armed Forces Week set May 12-16

By **YVONNE JOHNSON**  
*APG News*

A Combined Color Guard, consisting of Army, Marines, Navy, Air Force and Coast Guard, presents the colors during the 2012 Armed Forces Day Celebration at Aberdeen Proving Ground. This year, Armed Forces week will be celebrated May 12-16. Events kick off Monday, May 12 starting with an Opening Day Ceremony and Golf Tournament at Ruggles Golf Course. Registration and a continental breakfast and warm-up is 7-8 a.m., followed by a welcome and opening ceremony, 8 to 8:30 a.m., lead by Maj. Gen. Peter Utley, commander of the U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command.

The fun continues on Wellness Wednesday, May 14, as riders take off on APG Bike to Work Day festivities starting 6:30 a.m. with an 11.5 mile ride

around the installation. Organization and vendor displays and demonstrations all focused on health and wellness will be available and refreshments, raffle drawings and the Smack Down Trophy will be awarded after the ride.

The annual salute to APG's military continues Thursday, May 15 with the Harford County Chamber of Commerce Military Appreciation Luncheon at the Richlin Ballroom in Abingdon. Visit <http://web.harfordchamber.org/events/Military-Luncheon-171/> details for more information.

Military Appreciation Week draws down with an Armed Forces Day 5K Run/2-Mile Walk starting 6:30 a.m. from Hoyle Gym in APG South (Edgewood).

Check APG social media sites and next week's *APG News* for more information.

### APG Armed Forces Week May 12-16

**Monday – Golf Tournament**  
**Tuesday – Wellness**  
**Wednesday – Bike to Work/Smack Down Health Fair**  
**Thursday – Military Appreciation Luncheon**  
**Friday – Armed Forces Day 5K Run/2-Mile Walk**  
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## Earth Day draws youth from local schools



By **DEBORAH INCE**  
*APG News*

The U.S. Army Research Laboratory (ARL) and the APG North (Aberdeen) youth center hosted the annual Earth Day celebration for elementary school students April 25.

More than 500 students from Harford County public and private schools attended the event, participating in hands on-conservation and environment-focused activities hosted by on and off-post organizations.

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(From left) North Harford Elementary School 9-year-olds Isaiah Dele, and Luke Dawson take a close-up look at a cockroach at a U.S. Army Public Health Command display during Earth Day festivities April 25.

Photo by Molly Blossie

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### WEATHER

#### Thursday

Sunny  
chance of rain 0%



63° | 42°



# STREET TALK

## May is National Physical Fitness and Sports Month. What do you do to stay in shape and why?

I go to the gym five days a week with my boyfriend who motivates me. I usually exercise on the elliptical machine, because it doesn't hurt my knees. I have more energy, now that I am exercising regularly.



**Jennifer Bays**  
ECBC/CIO

I like to run outside with my dog, it relaxes me. I like to observe the wildlife on post as I run. There are many benefits to regular exercise. Exercise can improve your brain power.



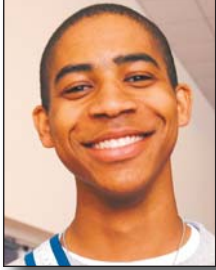
**Sgt. 1st Class Kenneth O'Brien**  
CECOM LRC

I do weight training with free weights. I found that weight training is a great way to lose weight because you burn more calories when you build muscles. I just tried BodyPump (an exercise class that uses free weights) and I am hooked! My advice to women is to not be intimidated by weights, just try it.



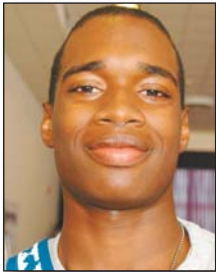
**Syreeta Gross**  
APG-CSSC Transportation Center

I work on my stamina by running at least a mile each day. While I am running I work on my breath control and pace.



**Cadet Demiris Ayoola**  
Freestate ChalleNGe Academy

I do push-ups, sit-ups and bicep curls. I didn't do these exercises until coming to Freestate ChalleNGe Academy. I learned that you don't need a gym membership to get in shape.



**Cadet Tysante Coy**  
Freestate ChalleNGe Academy

# OPINION

## So long, farewell, auf wiedersehen...

By **PAT BEAUCHAMP**  
*APG News Editor*

Okay, so it's not original. But it's from the heart. Here's why.....

As of yesterday, I've retired. I've been working at APG for nearly 33 years. It's been a good run, but it's time to move on.

I've been very fortunate. I've met a lot of really nice people, made some good friends and at least a few of those friendships will last the rest of my life, I hope.

I've been through a marriage and a divorce.

I've lost Family members, friends and pets. (Just for the record, I DO believe in an afterlife and I hope to see these Family members, friends and pets again.)

I was fortunate enough to be able to travel with my job for a number of years and I saw a lot of places including at least 30 of the lower 48 states as well as Canada, Germany and Singapore.

I've held a number of jobs in a number of organizations. I've been around here so long that I know most of the directors by first name.



**Beauchamp**

There have been a lot of highs and a few lows – a lot of very happy moments; a few disappointments. But, all in all, I've had a very good career and I consider myself lucky that it's lasted so long.

I've also been fortunate enough to get a part-time job in one of the local casinos and I will continue to work there part-time.

And, in addition to traveling with my job, I was able to get in a few personal trips and learned to love cruising on big ships. I've also been lucky enough to meet one celebrity on those cruises, Richard Simmons, and am very proud to call him my dear friend!

So, to you folks out there who know me, I'm not really saying goodbye. I'll still be in the area. I will be visiting the Army Wellness Center periodically (to work on my weight loss journey which is far from over) as well as visiting friends on post, mostly to say hello. I also plan to continue to travel and see places I've never seen before and a few I have seen and want to revisit.

As I depart, I wish all the people I leave at APG happiness, successful careers and long, healthy lives. I consider myself lucky to have had an absolutely wonderful life here.

And remember, I'm just a phone call or email away. So for now – so long.

## Vice Chief to IMCOM: Remain resilient!

By **WILLIAM BRADNER**  
*IMCOM*

Vice Chief of Staff Gen. John F. Campbell met with senior leaders and junior members of the U.S. Army Installation Management Command immediately after the recent IMCOM change of command ceremony.

The message to both groups was similar: Remain resilient, watch your fellow Soldiers' backs, and realize what you're doing today is vital to the Army.

To the cast and crew of the U.S. Army Soldier Show, Campbell gave assurance their message of resiliency and their ability to entertain was an important part of the Army mission.

To the commanders and command sergeants major of garrisons around the world, Campbell passed a charge to do everything they could to provide Soldiers, Family members and civilians what they need to be resilient.

Meeting with the leaders in the historic Fort Sam Houston Theater, where the Soldier Show is preparing for opening night, gave Campbell the opportunity to speak briefly with the Soldiers involved.

"I've seen the Soldier Show in years past," he said, "and it always brings a message of hope and strength. I'm sure this year will be no different."

"But remember," he continued, "As you're on the road on behalf of Soldiers and their Families, you need to look out for each other, too. The men and women you're serving with right now will be close to you for the rest of your lives, look out for each other."

"Most of all," he told the group of young Soldiers, "thank you so much for sharing your talent with the Army and helping us become more resilient."

Moments later he addressed more than 150 senior leaders of the Installation Management Community with a similar message.

"You need to understand why it's so important for us to make sure we're doing everything we can to provide our Soldiers, our Family members [and] our civilians with those skills and those tools to be resilient," Campbell said. "The impact you have on Families, the impact you have on our Soldiers, I'll be the first one to tell you, we take it for granted. We don't tell you thanks enough. So from me, Ms. Hammack [Katherine Hammack, Assistant Secretary of the Army (Installations, Energy & Environment)], and our senior leadership, thank you for what you do every single day."

Campbell commended the garrison commanders and com-



Photo by Joel Martinez  
**Vice Chief of Staff Gen. John F. Campbell discusses leaders' roles in Soldier resiliency with attendees of the U.S. Army Installation Management Command Garrison Commanders and Command Sergeants Major Conference, April 8, in the Fort Sam Houston Theatre, at Joint Base San Antonio, Texas.**

mand sergeants major for their ability to build bridges and seek solutions that enable the Army to take care of its extended family.

He said a certain amount of friction can be expected when several commands, such as IMCOM, the U.S. Army Materiel Command, (AMC), Training and Doctrine Command (TRADOC), and Forces Command (FORSCOM) have to work together and he expressed confidence that new IMCOM commander Lt. Gen. David Halverson will continue to find efforts to show where the lines are drawn.

"We're all working for the same thing -- that's taking care of our Soldiers and Families," he said. "In the end, it's about readiness."

He spoke briefly about the challenges the Army faces in the near future, with sequestrations, budget cuts and draw-downs on the horizon, and indicated the most frustrating part of all, was the uncertainty involved, which makes planning difficult.

"I think the average Soldier is just sitting there thinking, 'Just tell me what's going to happen, and I'll take it from there and figure out how to make it work,'" Campbell said.

"Well, I'm asking you to hang

in there with us during some very tough times as we make some very tough decisions."

The Vice Chief of Staff since March 2013, Campbell has visited Army garrisons around the world.

"Every day I'm impressed with the resiliency, I'm impressed with the leadership and I'm impressed with the passion and the energy that our civilians and our military folks have for our Army," he said.

About the U.S. Army Installation Management Command: IMCOM handles the day-to-day operations of U.S. Army installations around the globe -- We are the Army's Home. Army installations are communities that provide many of the same types of services expected from any small city. Fire, police, housing, and child-care are just some of the things IMCOM does in Army communities every day. Our professional workforce strives to deliver on the commitments of the Army Family Covenant, honor the sacrifices of military Families, and enable the Army Force Generation cycle.

Our vision: Ready & Resilient Army: Provide Soldiers, Families and Civilians with a quality of life commensurate with the quality of their service.

Our mission: IMCOM will synchronize, integrate, and deliver installation services and sustain facilities in support of Senior Commanders in order to enable a ready and resilient Army.

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# RDECOM recognizes 2014 NCO of the Year

By **DAN LAFONTAINE**  
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After a week of rigorous competition among four noncommissioned officers, a military intelligence systems maintainer/integrator captured the top honor of being named the Noncommissioned Officer of the Year for the U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command April 24.

Staff Sgt. David Carter, who is assigned to RDECOM's Communications-Electronics Research, Development and Engineering Center at APG, now advances to the U.S. Army Materiel Command NCO of the Year Competition.

"Thank you for motivating me to keep pushing," Carter told the group of about 15 RDECOM Soldiers, including the other competitors, after the awards presentation. "You deserved it as much as I do. It was a good competition and good camaraderie."

RDECOM Deputy Director Jyuji D. Hewitt said that RDECOM's enlisted Soldiers provide an important role alongside the command's scientists and engineers.

"I spent 28 years in the Army myself, and I certainly appreciate what every one of you do," Hewitt said. "There is a quality and professionalism that you bring each and every day, and it doesn't go unnoticed. We need guys who have the voice of the Soldiers, and that is you."

"You bring that piece of practical expertise for what we're trying to develop at our engineering centers and labs. You are essentially the subject matter experts."

Command Sgt. Maj. Lebert Beharie echoed Hewitt's remarks and emphasized that RDECOM NCOs represent the end users for Army technology.

"It's obvious the quality of NCOs we have within RDECOM. The leadership at RDECOM is all extremely proud of the Soldiers here who wear the uniform," Beharie said.

Competitors for the 2014 NCO



Photo by Conrad Johnson  
**Staff Sgt. David Carter, a military intelligence systems maintainer/integrator with the Communications-Electronics Research, Development and Engineering Center, was named the 2014 RDECOM Noncommissioned Officer of the Year after a tough selection process, April 24.**

of the Year award included Sgt. 1st Class Michelle Williams, an electronics maintenance chief assigned to the U.S. Army Research Laboratory at Adelphi, Md.; Staff Sgt. Joshua Menninger, a counter-mine section leader assigned to CERDEC at Fort Belvoir, Va.; and Sgt. Christopher Helms, an Infantryman assigned to the Natick Soldier Research, Development and Engineering Center at Natick, Mass.

During the competition, the NCOs discussed their backgrounds and personal goals as well as the competition's essay topic -- the role of NCOs in helping Soldiers and their Families as the Army reduces the force to between 440,000 and 450,000 Soldiers from a current level of about 520,000.

### Soldier pride

The four participants' shared pride for their service and contributions to the Army.

Williams recalled her sacrifices during 13 years in uniform.

"I've deployed three times. I feel like I belong to a culture. The military to me is a lifestyle," Williams said. "I have two kids, and I want them to look up to me and know the sacrifices that I've made, as well as the sacrifices that they've made, for my career."

Carter said he has learned maturity from the Army as well as a sense of accomplishment from his service.

"I'm still motivated to do great things in the Army and push the standards. Once a Soldier, always a Soldier. You see things differently and

react to things differently.

"The mentality of the Soldier is to do what you have to do to get the job done."

### Facing a reduction in force

The competitors addressed the role of NCOs in assisting their fellow Soldiers with the transition as the Army begins reducing its active-duty force after more than 12 years of war.

Menninger stressed how NCO leadership is vital during a potentially difficult time of separating from the Army.

"What can I do as a leader to ensure my guys understand the severity of everything going on? Take 10 minutes out of your day and sit face-to-face with your Soldiers and tell them how important it is. As a Soldier, you always look up to your leader," he said.

NCOs must identify and address the reason that a Soldier is leaving, Williams said.

"We can't sit around [and] complain about the drawdown. It's happening," she said. "We as leaders need to find why they are being affected and to target the specific reason. Give them the proper tools to help them whenever it is time to exit the military."

Helms had a unique perspective among the competitors as he graduated from college in 2008 before enlisting. He is studying for a master's degree in homeland security and he encourages Soldiers to take advantage of the educational opportunities available through the Army.

"I already have a degree, and I know what it's like outside of the military," he said. "Every Soldier I've [talked with], whether they've been in for awhile or not, I've been pushing education, how important it is, and all the opportunities while you're in and when you get out."

"With downsizing coming up, people aren't going to be allowed to reenlist. I can help them learn about every opportunity the VA offers. An education makes your knowledge that much broader and the Army stronger."

# Munoz, Murray named USAPHC Best Warriors

By **CHANEL S. WEAVER**  
*USAPHC*

During the frigid temperatures of an early spring morning, as he rubbed his hands together and struggled to protect them from a painful, stinging frostbite, Staff Sgt. Victor Munoz couldn't help but wonder what he had signed up for.

Munoz, a competitor in the annual U.S. Army Public Health Command Best Warrior Competition from Public Health Command Region- Europe, was reading a manual and doing his best to reassemble a machine gun that he had never seen before.

His efforts eventually paid off when he, along with Spc. Stephen Murray of the USAPHC Headquarters and Headquarters Company, were named as the USAPHC Best Warriors during an April 18 award ceremony at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md.

Munoz was recognized as the Noncommissioned Officer of the Year and Murray was named as the Soldier of the Year.

The three-day competition, which featured 12 of the best Soldiers and NCOs in the USAPHC, evaluated the competitors on multiple Soldier skills including marksmanship, day and night land navigation, physical fitness, a written test and an appearance before a selection board of senior enlisted personnel who ques-

tioned the Soldiers on all aspects of military service.

"There are hundreds of tasks any Soldier should be able to perform, and this competition evaluates their ability to be versatile," said Master Sgt. Jason Stillwell, who served as the key facilitator for the event.

Stillwell said the Soldiers were not aware of what tasks they would be asked to perform, and that an aim of this year's event was to challenge the Soldiers. Some of the tasks that proved to be the most demanding included assembly and disassembly of a machine gun and demonstrating proper procedures for U.S. military detainee operations.

Although the Soldier tasks were difficult, Murray said, it was the mental tasks required during the panel that gave him the most trouble.

"We received tough questions that really challenged us," said Murray. "Although I work at Public Health Command every day, I had sweat beading down my back as I tried to remember the command structure of the organization."

Despite his struggle, Murray was elated to be a USAPHC winner.

He and Munoz will represent USAPHC at the Army Medical Command Best Warrior Competition in May in San Antonio, Texas.



Photos by Christina Graber  
**Staff Sgt. Victor Munoz does sit-ups during the physical fitness portion of the U.S. Army Public Health Command Best Warrior Competition on his way to being selected as the USAPHC NCO of the Year.**

Maj. Gen. Dean G. Sienko, USAPHC commander, and USAPHC Command Sgt. Maj. Paul Ramos, presented certificates of recognition to each of the competitors during the closing award ceremony.

As the keynote speaker for the event, Sienko praised the Soldiers for their superior skills.

"Only 23 percent of Americans qualify for military service, and because you are best warriors, you represent the finest people our nation has to offer," said Sienko. "I congratulate you on reaching this significant milestone."

Although Sienko commended the troops for their tremendous accomplishment, he said their jobs were incomplete. He emphasized the need for the warriors to grow those around them.

Borrowing from the words of Dr. Edward Tick, author of the book "The War in the Soul," Sienko challenged the best warriors to be servants. He encour-

aged them to be devoted to causes more important than themselves and to place the needs of others before their own.

"Becoming a Best Warrior is really an achievement of character," said Sienko. "It's important to take those you lead, and make them better."

Other competitors during the event included Sgt. Eric Jimenez, HHC; Spc. Cristopher Goodman, PHCR-Europe; Sgt. Miguel Velez and Spc. Jason Dickerson, PHCR-North; Sgt. Kil Lee and Spc. Boco-vo Kokou, PHCR-Pacific; Staff Sgt. Nick-olaus Kersting and Spc. Matthew Black, PHCR-South and Sgt. Dominique Lee and Spc. Olayori Ogunnaike, PHCR-West.

Although the competition was tough, and the tasks were grueling, Munoz said he wouldn't trade the experience for anything in the world.

"I encourage other Soldiers to compete in the Best Warrior Competition," he said. "Your skills are really put to the test, but only good comes out of it."

**Spc. Stephen Murray maneuvers through a competitive lane during the U.S. Army Public Health Command Best Warrior Competition. Murray outperformed competitors to be named the USAPHC Soldier of the Year.**



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# Four retire during April ceremony

By **YVONNE JOHNSON**  
*APG News*

Four noncommissioned officers with a combined service of 94 years retired before fellow Soldiers, Family members and friends during the Installation Retirement Ceremony at the Ball Conference Center April 24.

In a departure from the norm, during the ceremony, Col. Warline S. Richardson invited Family members and friends onstage to share comments about the honorees.

Richardson, the military deputy to the U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command, presided over the ceremony and presented awards assisted by AEC Command Sgt. Maj. Carlton Handy.

The honorees included Sgt. 1st Class Stephon R. Scott, a Fort Bliss, Texas retiree from York, Pa.; Sgt. 1st Class LaMont Timmons, U.S. Army Garrison, APG; Sgt. 1st Class Sharon D. Clayton, 22d Chemical Battalion (TE); and Staff Sgt. Spencer V. Potter of the U.S. Army Communications-Electronics Command.

Scott drew more than 40 Family members to APG for his retirement.

During the ceremony, Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Jerry Owens, Garrison chaplain, presented an opening prayer; the Field Band Woodwind Quintet from Fort Meade, Md., provided music; and Chief Warrant Officer 4 Yolande Young, AEC, sang the national anthem.

Richardson thanked each retiree and their Family members for their service and sacrifices. On behalf of the APG Garrison commander, Col. Gregory McClinton, she wished them an enjoyable retirement.

“Go live your lives Army Strong,” she said.

**Sgt. 1st Class Stephon R. Scott**  
Scott was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal; the Presidential Certificate of Retirement; the Department of the Army Certificate of Retirement and

a U.S. flag and pin. His wife, Cassandra received a DA Certificate of Appreciation.

A native of York, Pa., Scott enlisted in the Army in 1985 and attended One Station Unit Training at Fort Knox, Ky.

Along with Fort Bliss, his military assignments included New Cumberland Army Depot, Pa., Fort Lewis, Wash., West Point Military Academy, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, and Camp Shelby, Miss.

His military awards and decorations include the Bronze Star, Army Commendation, Army Achievement and Good Conduct medals; Global War on Terrorism Service Medal and Afghanistan Campaign Medal; as well as the NATO medal and Air Assault Badge.

Scott culminates his career as the rear detachment NCO for the 1st Battalion, 36th Infantry Regiment. He retires May 1 with 28 years of service.

Scott thanked his wife, Cassandra, for her support throughout his career.

“She’s been the biggest help to me. She kept the house and raised the kids when I was deployed” he said, adding that he’s not planning to do “a whole lot” in the near future.

“I’ve put two daughters and my wife through college. I’m looking to sit back and borrow some money from them,” he said with a smile.

**Sgt. 1st Class LaMont Timmons**  
Timmons was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal; the Presidential Certificate of Retirement; the Department of the Army Certificate of Retirement and a U.S. flag and pin.

A native of Harlem, N.Y., Timmons entered the Army in November 1984. He completed basic and Advanced Individual Training at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. He continued his career, mostly in the Army Reserves with some active duty time. His assignments included Korea; Fort Campbell, Ky.; Schofield Barracks, Hawaii and Fort Story, Va. His active duty tours included two deployments in

support of Operations Enduring Freedom and New Dawn. In January, 2013, Timmons was accepted into the Sanctuary Program which allows reservists with 18 years or more to retire as active duty and still return to their civilian jobs. A member of the Coatesville, Pa. Army Reserve program, Timmons said he was happy to have worked for the APG Garrison leaders.

“I’m just happy I was able to work with such great leadership as Col. [Gregory] McClinton and Command Sgt. Maj. [James] Ervin,” he said. “I was blessed to be the commander’s executive assistant. He really taught me a lot.”

Timmons said he plans to return to the Veterans Administration and continue his career as an IT specialist. He retires June 30 with 23 years of service.

**Sgt. 1st Class Sharon D. Clayton**

Clayton was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal, the Presidential Certificate of Retirement; the Department of the Army Certificate of Retirement and a U.S. flag and pin. Born in Vero Beach, Fla., Clayton served in the Air Force from 1986 to 1990. She received an Associate in Office Systems Technology in 1992 and then joined the Army in 1995 as an administrative specialist, training at Fort Jackson, S.C.

Her assignments included Korea; Kuwait; Germany; Fort Benning, Ga.; Fort Hood, Texas; and St. Louis, Mo. She also participated in Operation Iraqi Freedom. Clayton’s awards and decorations include the Army Commendation, Joint Service Commendation and Joint Service Achievement medals as well as the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary and Service medals, the Kosovo Medal and the Drill Sergeant Identification Badge.

Clayton retires Aug. 1 with 23 years of service.

Several Soldiers, including 22d Chemical Battalion Commander Lt. Col. Eric Towns and Command Sgt. Maj.

Montonya Boozier applauded Clayton’s career, thanking her for her “selflessness and devotion,” as well as her “courage, strength and commitment to fellow Soldiers.”

Clayton thanked her commanders for their support and said she felt blessed to have worked with them. She said she plans to travel and return to Florida to pursue her master’s degree.

“Other than that I’ll be relaxing. I’ve been working for a lot of years,” she said. “I’m taking a break.”

**Staff Sgt. Spencer V. Potter**

Potter was awarded the Army Commendation Medal, the Presidential Certificate of Retirement; the Department of the Army Certificate of Retirement and a U.S. flag and pin. He joined the Army in 1994 and completed training at Fort Jackson, S.C. and Fort Gordon, Ga. His wife Patricia received the DA Certificate of Appreciation.

His assignments included Germany, Japan, Fort Bliss, Texas; and Fort Monmouth, N.J.

He also deployed with the commander of the Stabilization Force in support of Operation Joint Forge and the Combined Joint Command Control Center in support of Operation Joint Endeavor.

Potter’s awards and decorations include the Joint Service Accommodation Medal and the Army Commendation, Achievement and Good Conduct medals as well as the NATO and Global War on Terrorism medals.

Potter culminates his careers as the Senior New Equipment Trainer in CECOM. He retires June 1 with 20 years of service.

Potter’s son, daughter-in-law and grandchildren joined him and his wife on stage. He said he plans to enjoy his family, head to Florida and return to school to become a computer information specialist.

“I’m just grateful that God allowed me to retire,” he said.

# Dueling pianos roll out the laughter, music



By **DEBORAH INCE**  
*APG News*

Aberdeen Proving Ground Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation (FMWR) hosted its second Dueling Pianos Comedy Show at Top of the Bay April 24.

“This is just a fun night,” FMWR Special Events Coordinator Gwyn Dolzine said. “We had about 150 people attend last year, and it was very well accepted. People love it.”

The comedy show, which incorporates audience members into high energy song and dance renditions, had attendees laughing and singing for hours.

Dueling Pianos performers Mike McCaslin and Vince Orlandi led the evening’s festivities.

“I like this type of performance because it’s dynamic,” McCaslin said. “You’re always building off of someone else.”

Lynn Butler “plays” a toilet seat as part of a prop-themed sing-a-long during the Dueling Pianos show performer Vince Orlandi looks on in amusement. Other props used throughout the night included a rubber chicken, a triangle, various hats, feathered scarves and a tambourine.

Photo by Molly Blossie

Dueling Pianos performers travel to U.S. Army bases across the country performing for Army audiences.

Thursday’s sing-a-longs included mixes of country, pop and rock-and-roll, including songs like “Sweet Home Alabama” by Lynyrd Skynyrd, “Cruise” by Florida Georgia Line, “It’s Raining Men” by The Weather Girls, “God Bless the USA” by Lee Greenwood, and others.

Audience members were invited on stage to dance, dress-up in fun costumes and use props—including a rubber chicken and a toilet seat—to perform with the musicians.

Attendee Jim Ables said he had fun participating in the show, after dancing on stage during a song.

“It was fun,” he said. “It was great.”

A major highlight of the night included a solo dance performance by Clif Basnight, who sported an Elvis Presley face mask and grooved and boogied like the infamous King of Rock ‘n’ Roll.

Judging by the tears of laughter often streaming down attendees faces, the event could once again be deemed a success.

For more information on FMWR-sponsored activities, visit [www.apgmwr.com](http://www.apgmwr.com).

## Send newspaper submissions to the APG News

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Photo by Yvonne Johnson

Drill Instructor Staff Sgt. Dale Barbitta, right, demands more noise out of a Marine recruit shortly after arriving at APG's Shore Park during a training event for the Recruiting Station Baltimore that drew more than 300 recruits from around the state to APG April 26.

# APG hosts Marine Corps Recruiting Field Event

By **YVONNE JOHNSON**  
*APG News*

Aberdeen Proving Ground's Shore Park was overrun with Marines last Saturday. Instead of a messy battle, however, it was a neatly, organized event that left organizers with the satisfaction that prevails when a plan comes together.

The Marine Corps Recruiting Station Baltimore brought more than 400 personnel, including more than 300 Marine recruits from around the state to APG for an annual state-wide pool function normally held at the Annapolis Naval Academy.

Dozens of Marine Corps recruiters, staff and volunteers descended on the park to set up activity sites prior to the recruit's arrival. Mostly high school students or recent graduates who have already taken the oath and are on the delayed entry program, the recruits are obligated to attend weekly training with their recruiters to prepare them for Recruit Training.

The day consisted of exercises emphasizing team-building and *Espirit de Corps*, pitting Sub-station against Sub-station for the top awards at the end of the day, according to Baltimore District Sgt. Maj. Yoman English.

"We expect them to learn and use the leadership and mentorship provided to become the best they can in meeting very strict standards," English said.

Training started as soon as the buses arrived. Two Drill Instructors from the Annapolis Naval Academy barked orders as the recruits hopped off, ordering them into formations. Even when ordered to sit on the ground and told to keep their heads bowed, not one became defiant or questioned the orders.

They were ready for their transition, according to Baltimore District Commander Maj. Christopher Conner. Conner leads the recruiting district of 10 Sub-Stations that includes everything east of Washington, D.C., including Delaware and the local Harford County Sub-Station in Bel Air.

Connor said the primary task of the day was establishing the all-important transformation from teens into Marines.

"It's a mental and physical process," he said. "These kids will go to Parris Island and in 13 short weeks be transformed into Marines who will fight for their nation and each other," he said.

He credits his recruiters for their diligence in searching for "that diamond in the rough that has what it takes to become a Marine."

"For every kid sitting here today, qualified to have the chance to earn that title,

that recruiter might have talked to 40 people first," he said. "They work hard to find the young men and women who meet that standard; who can withstand the transformation that will last a lifetime."

Connor thanked his recruiters as well as Drill Instructors Gunnery Sgt. Pierre Tedtaotao and Staff Sgt. Dale Barbitta for making the day happen.

After lunching on MREs the recruits turned to each other in a series of exercises that tested them physically and mentally. They competed in groups and individually performing leg raises, push-ups, rope climbing, pull ups, ammo can lift competition and a tug of war.

The young Marines pulled together as one and it didn't even feel like a strange thing to do, according to one from the Bel Air Sub-Station.

Jairr Jones, a 17-year-old Edgewood High School senior, heads to Recruit Training Nov. 18. With an older brother in the Marine Corps, Jones already is looking forward to his career in Infantry Assault.

"I think this is all great, it's actually preparing us," Jones said of the exercise. "This was everything I expected."

He said his high expectations are high based on the stories he's heard from his brother and others who joined the Corps before him.

"I expect to become more disciplined and well rounded," he said. "I also expect to have some pretty good stories to tell."

Bel Air Recruiter Sgt. Randy Jenkins who liaises regularly with Edgewood High School said recruiters are responsible for preparing recruits for the event.

"I tell them this will test them mentally and physically," he said. "We watch how they respond to the drill instructors and recommend that they look at them as mentors."

With eight years in the Marine Corps, Jenkins said he believes anyone can be a Marine as long as they are up to the challenge. "We have all kinds of jobs and great opportunities. I definitely plan to retire a Marine if the Corps will have me."

Staff Sgt. Chad Amick leads the recruiters of the Bel Air Sub-Station. He said the average day for recruiters runs from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.

He said the most important advice he offers recruits, besides taking care of themselves physically, is to not give up on themselves.

"I tell them to give 150 percent to your team and be committed to yourself. When you feel like you can't do any more, push harder. It will only make you more successful."



Photo by Deborah Ince

(Above) Alex Idzi and Terrance Jones from the Marine Corps Recruiting Towson Sub-station struggle through the Buddy Drag/Fireman's Carry Race during the sub-station competitions that were designed to build teamwork and *Espirit de Corps*.

(Below) Drill Instructor Staff Sgt. Dale Barbitta takes questions about Marine Corps Recruit Training from a group of Maryland recruits during the Marine Corps Recruiting Station Baltimore field event for more than 300 recruits as APG's Shore Park April 26.



Photo by Yvonne Johnson



Marine recruit David Diggs from the Marine Corps Recruiting Bel Air Sub-station gives his all on the pull up bar during competitions at Shore Park that drew more than 300 recruits, recruiters, staff and Family members to APG for the annual event that is normally held at the Annapolis Naval Academy.

Photo by Deborah Ince



# Expo features innovative technology

Story and photos by **RACHEL PONDER**  
*APG News*

More than 400 people viewed the latest innovations in technology during the Spring Technology Exposition at the APG North (Aberdeen) recreation center. The U.S. Army Edgewood Chemical Biological Center/Corporate Information Office and Federal Direct Access Expositions co-host the bi-annual tech expos in the spring and in the fall.

The expo consisted of 75 vendor displays in the recreation center ballroom. For the second year in a row, the expo offered technical training sessions for guests. Held in the center's classrooms, the sessions were supported by three IT businesses and taught by subject-matter experts.

"This is a nice addition to the show. We definitely want to continue," said Mark Flemister Exhibit Sales and Vendor Relations for FDAE.

Training topics included cyber security, data center containment and mobile zero-client laptops. Zero-client laptops have no local storage, a hard drive or an operating system. That means secrets won't be compromised if the device is lost, physically broken into or stolen.

Flemister said the expo gives customers a chance to interact directly with businesses.

"The expos are held twice a year due to their popularity and because technology is always changing," he said.

Barry Miller, a representative from Xerox, showed attendees a patented environmentally friendly color printing product called Solid Ink. This product needs no cartridge, so it generates less waste.

(From left) Andre Smith, a representative from Leviton, talks to Sarah Farmer from the U.S. Army Communications-Electronics Research, Development and Engineering Center about network infrastructure solutions and security during the Spring Technology Exposition held in the APG North (Aberdeen) recreation center April 23.



Drew Vogt, a representative from RUGGED Science, shows attendees an operator interface panel that can be used in harsh environments during the Spring Technology Expo at the APG North (Aberdeen) recreation center April 23.

"This is amazing technology," Miller said. "Not many people know about it." Jack Underwood, a senior technical advisor from System Source said the Tech Expo is the best way to bring

in new business. System Source is an authorized IT training provider in the Baltimore Area that trains over 15,000 students annually. System Source has a new training location close to APG, in Havre de Grace.

"This expo is a good way to reach the decision makers," Underwood said. "Many of our customers work on APG."

New to the expo was RUGGED Science, a company that provides rugged embedded computers, rugged LCD displays, and other rugged automation devices for industrial hazardous areas and harsh military environments.

"Our products are already on Navy aircraft carriers," said Wayne Morlatt, a product manager from RUGGED Science. "We are trying to generate business with the Army."

Ross Chenoweth, a network engineer contractor said he attended the event to

get up to speed on the latest technology.

"I support [ the U.S. Army Research Laboratory], which is always on the cutting-edge of research and technology," he said.

Sarah Farmer from the Communications-Electronics Research, Development and Engineering Center said she attended the expo to learn more about innovative security solutions.

"Network security is priceless," she said.

Mary McCully from ECBC/CIO said she looks forward to the next expo, and she invited community members to provide feedback on products or briefing topics they would like to see at the next event. For more information, call 410-436-2625.

The Fall Tech Expo will be held 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Oct. 22 in the APG North (Aberdeen) recreation center.

# Drug take-back yields more than 200 pounds

Story and photo by **RACHEL PONDER**  
*APG News*

In honor of National Drug Take-Back Day, the APG Army Substance Abuse Program and the Directorate of Emergency Services turned in over 200 pounds of prescription drugs and over-the-counter medications to the Drug Enforcement Agency in Bel Air April 26.

The medications were turned in by members of the APG community April 21-25 at different drop off locations.

"I want to thank the community and the command group for supporting this extremely important safety program," said ASAP Prevention Coordinator Cindy Scott.

Scott said the purpose of National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day is to provide the public with an opportunity to prevent abuse and theft by ridding their homes of potentially dangerous expired, unused, and unwanted prescription and over-the-counter drugs.

Scott thanked Detective Mark Keller, who stepped in as the DES drug take-back point of contact. Scott was present during the three one-time drop-off events and delivered six large trash bags of drugs to the DEA for proper and

safe disposal.

During the drug take-back events at the C4ISR Campus, ATEC Headquarters and the APG South Express, ASAP staff handed out information about suicide prevention awareness, medication safety and alcohol abuse prevention. In honor of Alcohol Awareness Month, staff members provided free alcohol screenings with details about individual alcohol usage. Screening results will be compiled to help ASAP determine the needs of the community.

In addition to the one-time drop-off events, community members also had the option of dropping their medications off at Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic and post police stations throughout the week.

Scott added that Maryland State Police Barrack D, 1401 Bel Air Road in Bel Air has a permanent collection box for RX and OTC drugs. This box allows people to drop off medications at any time, no questions asked. For more information, call 410-879-2101.

The next APG drug take-back event will be in October, on a date to be determined. For more information, call Scott at 410-278-4013, or email cynthia.m.scott4.civ@army.mil.



A community member deposits unwanted medication during a drug take-back event at the U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command Headquarters April 22. The event was co-hosted by the Army Substance Abuse Program and the Directorate of Emergency Services.



# STEM workshop inspires local girl

By **T’JAE GIBSON**  
*ARL*

The Battelle Eastern Science and Technology Center board room was packed with students – all girls- from Aberdeen High School, April 24, who sat behind long tables and peered at a panel of professional women.

One student, however, Sehlah Khalid Butt, moved her chair so close to the panel members, she could almost be mistaken as one of them.

“What really caught my attention was hearing the stories of many women in the STEM fields who went through so much in their lives, but one thing they never did was give up on their dreams,” reflected the 16-year-old junior after the presentations.

Butt was one of 50 girls who attended the third annual Young Women in Science and Engineering Workshop, which brought together women – diverse in science, technology, engineering and math fields as well as ethnicity – in a candid discussion with teenage girls to confront trends of women in STEM and help them navigate obstacles and opportunities in STEM careers.

The workshop was created by Melanie Will-Cole, an Army Research Laboratory Fellow.

Will-Cole said her daughter, Alex, a 2012 graduate of the Science and Math Academy, and current student at the University of Arizona, was the inspiration behind the creation of the workshop.

“The idea was to pass onto girls an understanding that female professional scientists, engineers and mathematicians are “real people and that although they have a demanding STEM career, they also have Families, hobbies, play sports, participate in the arts, music, dance, and are active volunteers within their own community,” said Will-Cole, a senior researcher who has invented technology that lets Soldiers better transmit secure video, audio, navigation and radar information in war zones.

Workshop speakers included Christine Harvey, who was part of the Science



(Above) Fifty high school girls attended the third annual Young Women in Science and Engineering Workshop, at the Battelle Eastern Science and Technology Center in Aberdeen April 24. The event promotes discussions between teenage girls and women in STEM fields to help promote interest as well as help them navigate obstacles and recognize opportunities in STEM careers. (Left) Sehlah Khalid Butt, a 16-year-old high school junior, expressed enthusiasm for the event, stating that she hopes to attend the University of Delaware and double major in Neuroscience and Islamic studies and minor in Fine Arts.  
Courtesy Photos

and Math Academy’s first graduating class. Harvey is now a modeling and simulation engineer at the MITRE Corporation in McLean, Va. Also in attendance was Jeannie Y. Chun, pediatric surgeon and assistant professor in the Department of Surgery, University of Maryland School of Medicine, who talked about trials and triumphs of performing delicate surgery on small children,

and Sommer Gentry, associate professor of Mathematics at the U.S. Naval Academy and Research Faculty Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine. Gentry discussed her career as a professor at the Naval Academy and her passion as a champion swing dancer and avid slalom water skier.

Another presenter, Clara Galbis-Reig, principal research scientist at Battelle

Eastern Science and Technology Center, talked about how she uses her education in chemistry and environmental engineering for chemical demilitarization efforts of military stockpile sites. In addition, Gloria Phillips-Wren, professor and chair of Information Systems and Operations Management at Loyola University, spoke on intelligent decision technologies and her career path which has spanned from teaching math to the gifted and talented, to becoming a senior level mathematician and technical manager at a government laboratory, to full professor and academic director of Executive MBA Programs at the University Maryland.

Finally, Leslie Lamberson, assistant professor at Drexel University, talked about how she juggled an accomplished ballet performance career with her engineering profession where she investigates the dynamic behavior of multifunctional materials.

“Over the years, I’ve been debating whether neurosurgery is something I wanted to pursue as a career because not many women, especially Muslim women, are known to pursue such high goals when it comes to medicine. I feel that after today, I’ve learned that I shouldn’t give up on my dreams because if I really want to do something, then I should go for it. I also learned to take advantage of every opportunity possible,” said Butt, who plans to attend the University of Delaware and double major in Neuroscience and Islamic studies and minor in Fine Arts.

“I truly loved this experience because many of the speakers gave me hope and motivated me to pursue my goal of becoming a neurosurgeon,” said Butt.

“Career wise, I want to become a neurosurgeon and on the side, I want to travel the world to speak about Islam and help fight for women’s rights in developing countries.”

“I think it’s great that women work in the STEM field because they set a great example for young girls who plan on pursuing similar careers.”

## MRICD seminar highlights Graduate Fellowship Program

By **CINDY KRONMAN**  
*MRICD*

During an April Officer Professional Development seminar, the U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Chemical Defense (MRICD) welcomed Dr. John Mark Mattox, a retired Army colonel and senior research fellow at the National Defense University Center for the Study of Weapons of Mass Destruction. Mattox also is the director of the university’s Countering Weapons of Mass Destruction (CWMD) Graduate Fellowship Program.

Mattox discussed the fellowship program and the opportunity it affords senior civilians (GS12-15), warrant officers (W4 and W5), and officers (O-3 thru O-6) to earn a graduate certificate in WMD studies after one year of study, or a full master of science degree after completing two years. He said that applicants must reside in the metropolitan D.C. area, hold a bachelor’s degree and a secret clearance and not be enrolled in any other academic program.

Twenty-eight fellows have been through the program, and MRICD’s Lt. Col. Nizamettin Gul, chief of the Analytical Toxicology Division, is currently enrolled. Gul is completing his first year of study. Though he is enjoying his courses, he said the program is “very intense.”

“The lectures are very good, and you’re being taught by people with real experience in the WMD field; individuals who are currently in the Senior Executive Service or who are current or former assistant secretaries,” Gul said.

He added that he has been able to take one course each semester by video teleconferencing; other courses are given on-line.

“The curriculum gives you a very good understanding of the policies that have shaped the Chemical and Biological Defense Program—how policy has been developed, the role of Congress in creating policy, and so forth,” said Gul. “It also covers the history of the program as well as how the interagency works together.”

Another benefit of the program, according to Gul, is that it allows participants to network with other Department of Defense personnel who are experienced in the WMD field and are deepening their CWMD expertise.

The fellowship is funded by the Chemical and Biological Defense Program “to meet the advanced education needs of DoD CWMD practitioners and to foster a community of DoD leaders with deepened CWMD expertise.”

The curriculum is taught by the National Defense University (NDU)



Photo by Darrell Jesonis  
**Retired Army colonel Dr. John Mark Mattox talks about the Countering Weapons of Mass Destruction (CWMD) Graduate Fellowship Program during a visit to MRICD in April.**

Center and Missouri State University (MSU) in a cooperative arrangement. Individuals accepted into the program continue with their regular employ-

ment and attend classes in the evening at MSU’s campus in Fairfax, Va., or at NDU at Fort McNair in Washington, D.C.

## Month of the Volunteer

### Dorris committed to PWOC

By **DEBORAH INCE**  
*APG News*

**Stacie Dorris**

Stacie Dorris surely brings her Southern charm to her volunteer work, as her North Carolina accent and big smile is liable to brighten anyone’s day.

As president of the Protestant Women of the Chapel (PWOC) organization on APG, Dorris is fully committed to furthering the PWOC mission.

“I think the biggest thing for our ministry is the relationships we build with each other,” she said. “We have a common bond with Christ and our faith and have a common experience with



**Dorris**

being military wives. It really creates a very unique bond.”

Dorris’ daily duties include supporting the Post Chapel and its activities, managing the PWOC and its executive board meetings, organizing and taking part in devotions and Bible studies and promoting the ministry.

She adds that volunteering her time is a good way to give back to her community.

“I think volunteering in general... in whatever you do, it’s important to give back,” she said. “We’ve got to care for each other, and I think that any volunteer work you do comes from a place considering others more highly than yourself. And the Golden Rule [is] to treat others the way you want to be treated. ...When we volunteer we’re giving of ourselves to help meet someone else’s need, and I think that’s important.”



# 173rd paratroopers arrive in Poland

U.S. paratroopers from U.S. Army Europe’s 173rd Infantry Brigade Combat Team (Airborne), train with Latvian Army

By **JESSE M. GRANGER**  
*U.S. Army Europe (USAREUR)*

A company-sized contingent of U.S. paratroopers from U.S. Army Europe’s 173rd Infantry Brigade Combat Team (Airborne) from Vicenza, Italy, arrived in Poland, April 23, to begin exercises with Polish troops.

This new exercise is the first in a series of expanded U.S. land force training activities in Poland and the Baltic region that are in addition to previously scheduled multinational land force military exercises such as Combined Resolve II, Saber Strike, Rapid Trident, and Saber Guardian. Exercises like this will take place for the next few months and beyond, and are aimed at assuring regional allies of the U.S.’s unwavering commitment to NATO.

Approximately 150 Soldiers from the 173rd Infantry Brigade Combat Team (Airborne) in Vicenza, Italy, arrived in Latvia, April 24, to conduct small unit and leader training with members of the Latvian Army.

The exercise is the second in a series of expanded U.S. land force training activities in the region that are scheduled to take place for the next few months and beyond. This action comes at the request of the host nations in the region and further demonstrates U.S. commitment to NATO.

The training, not previously scheduled, takes place as the United States continues to demonstrate solidarity with



Paratroopers from U.S. Army Europe’s 173rd Infantry Brigade Combat Team (Airborne) arrive at Swidwin Air Base, Poland, April 23, to begin a training rotation with the Polish army’s 6th Airborne Brigade, one of the brigade’s sister units. The Soldiers will train with NATO allies in Poland, Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania as part of exercises to demonstrate U.S. commitment to the alliance and increase interoperability between forces.

Photo by Sgt. A.M. LaVey

its NATO allies by increased land force presence in Poland and the Baltic States, an enhanced exercise schedule, and increased security cooperation measures with allies in the region.

Some of the other land forces exercises planned across Europe include:

- Exercise Rochambeau, scheduled to take place in France in May
- Exercise Combined Resolve II, scheduled to take place in Germany in May
- Exercise Saber Strike, scheduled

to take place in Lithuania and Latvia in June

- Exercise Immediate Response, scheduled to take place in Slovenia in August
- Exercise Saber Junction 14, scheduled to take place in Germany in August
- Exercise Cooperative Resolve, scheduled to take place in Turkey in September

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## COLA to decrease for service members in Germany

By **SGT. MICHAEL REINSCH**  
*U.S. Army Europe Public Affairs*

The Cost Of Living Allowance is scheduled to decrease for many service members in Germany, starting May 16.

The 2013 Retail Price Schedule found prices for recreation, child care, household help, telephone service, internet, furnishings, and supplies have increased in the U.S. and decreased in Germany, requiring COLA to be reduced in many locations.

COLA is a supplemental pay intend-

ed to equalize purchasing power between service members in the U.S. and their overseas counterparts. The amount paid is determined by rank, years in service, number of dependents, and location since prices for goods and services vary depending on the area. Some service members in Germany could see their COLA reduced by



As an example, a private first class with less than two years of service and three dependents could see the following COLA changes based on duty station:

- Full Support (military installations are available for service and support): -\$100
- Partial Support (military installations are within a 50 mile radius): -\$100
- No Support (outside of the 50 mile

radius): +\$50

No Support communities began seeing COLA increases April 1.

The Living Pattern Survey, conducted for each overseas location every three years, solicits input from service members and Families assigned to overseas communities; the USAREUR Military Plans and Policy Division reported high levels of participation in the last survey of German sites. The next RPS for Germany is in November and the next LPS is scheduled for September 2015.

## White House launches one-stop shop for vets seeking jobs

By **TERRI MOON CRONK**  
*American Forces Press Service*

First Lady Michelle Obama and Dr. Jill Biden, wife of Vice President Joe Biden, launched the Veterans Employment Center, the first online one-stop shopping tool for veterans, transitioning service members and spouses in search of employment April 23.

The announcement was made at a third-anniversary celebration for the “Joining Forces” initiative at Fort Campbell, Ky.

Joining Forces mobilizes all sectors of American society to support service members, veterans and their Families.

The Veterans Employment Center is designed to connect veterans and transitioning service members with employers and help translate military skills into the public- and private-sector civilian workforce.

“Our service members haven’t always had the time or information they needed to prepare their resumes, to plot their career goals, to meet with employers and get the jobs they deserve. And that’s simply not acceptable,” the first lady said. “Starting today,” she continued, “every single service member, every veteran, and every military family will have access to a new online tool that will revolutionize how you find jobs in both the public and private sectors.”

The online tool is available at <http://ebenefits.va.gov>.

“Our service members transitioning to civilian life, as well as their spouses, deserve the resources they need to be successful,” Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel said in a White House news release. “Through this effort, they are getting that help. Our troops and their spouses are proven leaders, highly skilled and hard working. Employ-

ers hiring them are getting the best this nation has to offer.”

**New online resources**

The center is the result of an inter-agency effort to improve, simplify and consolidate the existing array of employment resources for veterans, officials said. It also will provide a single, comprehensive database of resumes for employers who seek to leverage the skills and talents of veterans, service members and their spouses.

The new online resource is the first inter-agency tool to bring together a wealth of public and private job opportunities, a resume-builder, military skills translator and detailed career and training resources.

**Development**

In connection with Joining Forces, DoD and the departments of Veterans Affairs, Labor and Education and the Office of Personnel Management worked with employers to design and develop the site and incorporate features

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**Online interface**

With this tool, employers will be able to search and view veteran, service member and spouse resumes in one location.

Resumes are visible to all employers with an active LinkedIn or Google profile. To prevent spam, applicants’ names and email addresses are redacted, and are visible only to employers verified by VA as registered companies with the IRS. The site also is built using open data and an open application programming interface to attract private-

sector innovation.

“Improving veterans’ employment is an all-hands-on-deck enterprise,” Labor Secretary Thomas Perez said adding that more than 1 million service members are projected to leave the military in the coming years.

“OPM’s USAJobs program is excited to be partnering with the VA on making this a robust tool for our nation’s veterans and transitioning service members seeking federal employment,” said Office of Personnel Management Director Katherine Archuleta.

“It has been more than four years since the establishment of the Veterans Employment Initiative, and in that time, the executive branch hired the highest percentage of military veterans in more than 20 years — of the 195,000 new employees hired in [fiscal year] 2012, approximately 56,000 were veterans, equaling 28.9 percent of total hires,” she added.

**Opportunities**

“We can continue to honor and show our appreciation for the dedicated and heroic service of America’s veterans by ensuring that they have every opportunity to continue their service to this great nation as federal civilian employees, Archuleta said. “The Veterans Employment Center helps us honor these men and women by making employment opportunities available when our servicemen and women lay down their uniforms.”

Biden noted the success of the Military Spouse Employment Partnership, which began in June 2011 with fewer than 60 companies. Today, she said, the partnership has 228 partner employers, more than 1.8 million jobs posted on the MSEP Career Portal, and more than 60,000 military spouse hires to its credit.



# Combined Resolve II to exercise Army’s European Rotational Force

7th Army Joint Multinational Training Command

The U.S. Army’s European Rotational Force will participate in a major exercise alongside NATO allies and partner-nation forces at the Army’s Grafenwoehr and Hohenfels Training Areas in southeastern Germany, May 1-June 30, 2014.

Exercise Combined Resolve II will include more than 4,000 participants from 13 nations, including Albania, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, France, Georgia, Hungary, Lithuania, Romania, Serbia, Slovenia and the U.S.

Combined Resolve II will be the largest scheduled multi-national exercise in Europe in 2014, said Brig. Gen. Walter Piatt, commanding general of the 7th Army Joint Multinational Training Command in Grafenwoehr.

“Of the 4,000 Soldiers, over 50 percent are multinational,” said Piatt. “We’ve done larger exercises in the past, but this is the first time all the forces will be together in one place under a single brigade task organization.”

The U.S. rotational force will consist of the 2nd Battalion, 5th Cavalry Regiment, a unit of the 1st Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division, the brigade combat team designated as the Army’s regionally-aligned force for the U.S. European Command.

Combined Resolve II will also mark the first use of the Army’s European Activity Set, a group of combat equip-



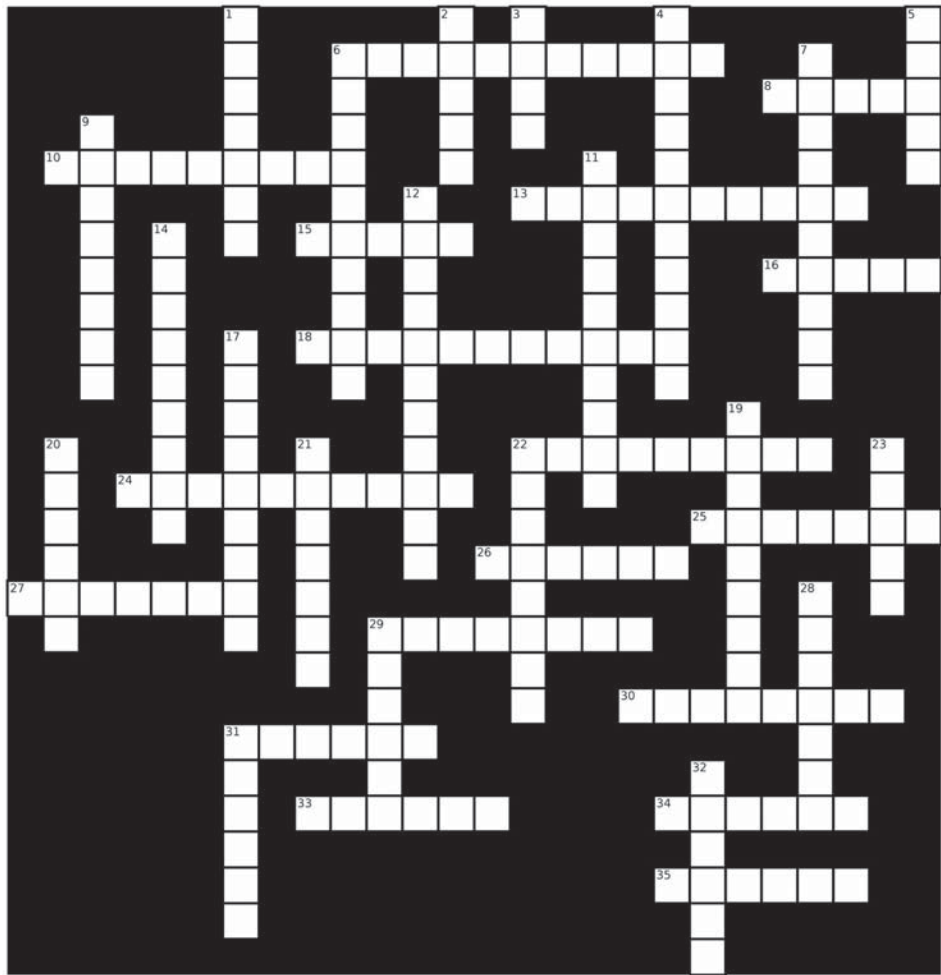
Soldiers from the Serbian Army and the U.S. Army’s 173rd Infantry Brigade (Airborne), discuss mission tactics during exercise Combined Resolve I at the Hohenfels Training Area in November 2013. Combined Resolve II is a U.S. Army Europe-directed multinational exercise that will take place at the Grafenwoehr and Hohenfels Training Areas, May 1-June 30.

Photo by Christian Marquardt

ment and vehicles pre-positioned at the Grafenwoehr Training Area to outfit and support rotational forces when they arrive in Europe. The set includes the most updated versions of the Army’s M1A2 Abrams tanks and M2 Bradley Infantry Fighting Vehicles.

The first phase of Combined Resolve II will include force-on-force maneuver training at the Army’s Joint Multinational Readiness Center in Hohenfels. The 2-5 CAV will then move to Grafenwoehr for gunnery training, culminating in a unique multi-national, live-fire exercise that will blend virtual, simulated and maneuver forces to replicate a complex operating environment.

## The APG Crossword



Answers to this puzzle may be found in this edition of the APG News, or may be common knowledge. The completed puzzle will be published in next week’s paper.

- Across**
- 6. Federal Direct Access \_\_\_\_\_ (FDAE)
  - 8. Honor \_\_\_\_\_ Day promotes awareness about sexual violence.
  - 10. Office of \_\_\_\_\_ Management (OPM)
  - 13. \_\_\_\_\_ Women of the Chapel
  - 15. APG Soldier of the Year
  - 16. third pillar of Army Performance Triad
  - 18. Corporate \_\_\_\_\_ Office (CIO)
  - 22. Sexual Assault \_\_\_\_\_ Month (SAAM)
  - 24. \_\_\_\_\_ Weapons of Mass Destruction (CWMD)
  - 25. pianos roll out music, laughter
  - 26. USAPHC commander
  - 27. Best \_\_\_\_\_ Competition
  - 29. Exercise \_\_\_\_\_ Resolve II
  - 30. Army Vice Chief of Staff
  - 31. U.S. Army Public \_\_\_\_\_ Command
  - 33. PHC Soldier of the Year
  - 34. ACS chief
  - 35. APG NCO of the Year
- Down**
- 1. Young Women in \_\_\_\_\_ and Engineering Workshop
  - 2. APG Performance Triad Action Officer
  - 3. U.S. Army Health Clinic
  - 4. U.S. Army Research, Development and \_\_\_\_\_ Command
  - 5. USAPHC command sergeant major
  - 6. Veterans \_\_\_\_\_ Center, one-stop shopping
  - 7. bi-annual \_\_\_\_\_ Expo
- held in spring and fall
- 9. Army \_\_\_\_\_ Center (AWC)
  - 11. Army’s European \_\_\_\_\_ Force
  - 12. Army \_\_\_\_\_ Triad kicks off May 7
  - 14. second pillar of Army Performance Triad
  - 17. Director of U.S. Army SHARP Office
  - 19. retiring APG News editor
  - 20. Brigade \_\_\_\_\_ Team (BCT)
  - 21. RDECOM command sergeant major
  - 22. first pillar of Army Performance Triad
  - 23. PHC NCO of the Year
  - 28. National \_\_\_\_\_ University
  - 29. RDECOM NCO of the Year
  - 31. RDECOM deputy director
  - 32. 173rd Infantry paratroopers arrived there

Solution to the April 24 puzzle



### ACRONYM OF THE WEEK

## JPM NBC CA

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## Exchange online pet photo contest will get tails wagging

*Exchange Public Affairs*

Military shoppers who think their pet is the cat’s meow can take a shot at a \$500 grand prize in the Army & Air Force Exchange Service’s online “Just Say Treat” Pet Photo Contest.

From May 2 through May 24, authorized Exchange shoppers can send in photos of their household or outdoor pets for a chance at the grand prize—a \$500 Exchange gift card. Two second-place winners will each be awarded a \$100 gift card and four third-place winners will each take home \$50 Exchange gift cards.

“From loyal pups to cuddly kittens to scaly reptiles, pets are important members of the family,” said Col. Tom Ockenfels, Exchange Chief of Staff. “Exchange shoppers can win big just by showing off a photo of their pride and joy.”

To complete an entry form, Exchange shoppers can visit [shopmyexchange.com/patriotfamily](http://shopmyexchange.com/patriotfamily) at <http://www.shopmyexchange.com/>

**Community/patriotfamily/contests.htm** or visit the Exchange Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/AAFEES.BX.PX>.

Contestants can also email their pet’s photograph plus a description of the pet in 50 words or less to [PatriotFamily@aafes.com](mailto:PatriotFamily@aafes.com). In the email, entrants must include their name, address, closest Exchange, daytime phone number, rank and branch of service, or their sponsor’s. Pet information, such as name, breed and type of pet, must also be included.

“Just Say Treat” winners will determined on or about June 6.





# Mark Your Calendar

**FRIDAY – SUNDAY  
MAY 2-4  
SECOND INDIANHEAD  
DIVISION ASSOCIATION  
REUNION**

Attention, 2nd Infantry Division Veterans. The Penn-Jersey Branch of the Second Indianhead Division Association will have its annual reunion in Lancaster, Pa. at the Continental Inn. All veterans of the Army's 2nd Infantry Division are invited, especially those in the nearby states of Delaware, Maryland, New York, Virginia, West Virginia, and the District of Columbia. For more information, call Jack Woodall at 610-274-1409 or send an email to warrior-vet@verizon.net.

**WEDNESDAY  
MAY 7  
FIRE EXTINGUISHER TRAINING**

APG Fire & Emergency Services will hold a fire extinguisher training program from 1 to 2:30 p.m. at Building E4810 at the APG South (Edgewood) Conference Center. The training will include how to operate, perform and inspect fire extinguishers, as well as types of fire extinguishers and the basics of fire behavior. For more information, call 410-306-0093.

**U.S. ARMY WARRANT OFFICER  
ASSOCIATION MEETING**

The U.S. Army Warrant Officer Association's Aberdeen-Edgewood "Silver" Chapter will hold its monthly meeting on at the APG North (Aberdeen) Recreation Center, Bldg. 3326, room 102. Lunch will be provided 11:30 a.m. and the meeting will be held noon to 12:45 p.m. For more information, contact retired CW4 Owen McNiff at 571-243-6561, 443-861-1936 or email omcniff@yahoo.com.

**MILITARY SPOUSE JOB FAIR**

Fort George G. Meade will host a Military Spouse Job Fair 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the McGill Training Center, 8452 Zimborski Avenue, Fort Meade, MD 20755. This event is sponsored by the Department of Labor, Licensing and Registration, Fort Meade Army Community Service and FMWR, the Army Career & Alumni Program, Corvias Military Housing, and other organizations dedicated to assisting military spouses seeking employment.

Maryland DLLR Secretary Leonard J. Howie III is the guest speaker and Navy Information Operations Commander, Capt. D. E. Elam will add remarks.

For more information, contact Julie Yates at 301-677-9017 or email: julie.yates@navy.mil ; Pamela Stangee at 301--677-9017 or email: pamela.stangee@navy.mil or Jerome Duncan at 410-674-5240 or email jduncan@dllr.state.md.us.

**FRIDAY & SATURDAY  
MAY 16 & 17  
PILLARS OF A GODLY MAN**

**CONFERENCE**

Gospel Men of the Chapel invite all men, young and old, to attend the Pillars of a Godly Man Conference at the APG North (Aberdeen) Chapel, Bldg. 2485. Sessions begin 6:10 p.m. with an 8:45 p.m. closing, Friday, May 16 and 8 a.m., with closing remarks at 3:15 p.m., Saturday, May 17.

The theme for Friday, May 16 is: "Men Running the Race", Hebrews 12:1. Light refreshments will be served in the fellowship hall until 6:50. Welcome and worship begins 7 p.m.

On Saturday, breakfast will be served 8 a.m. and the conference begins 9 a.m.

Registration is encouraged. To register, contact Elder Larry Giles at 443-866-2372 or Felix Sanchez at 609-694-6248.

Visitors must access the Route 714 gate near Route 40 which also is the only gate open Saturday. A valid ID and vehicle registration is required at the gate.

**MONDAY & TUESDAY  
MAY 19 & 20  
SESAME STREET/USO  
EXPERIENCE FOR MILITARY  
FAMILIES**

Sesame Street and the USO will present a "Mini-show," Monday, May 19 at 5:30 p.m. or Tuesday, May 20 at 10 a.m. at the Aberdeen Area Post Theater Bldg 3245. The show features six popular Sesame Street costumed characters, including a new character, Katie, a military child. Elmo and his Sesame Street pals will help Katie relocate to a new place and open up about her fears and excitement in dealing with change and making new friends. Tickets will be distributed starting Monday, May 5. Pick up tickets at Central Registration in Bldg. 2503; at the APG South (Edgewood) Child Development Center, Bldg. E1901; the APG North (Aberdeen) CDC, Bldg. 2485; or the Bayside CDC, Bldg. 2521.

A maximum of eight tickets per family. This event is free and open to DoD ID card holder Family members.

For more information, contact APG Schools Liaison Stacie Umbarger at 410-278-2857 or email stacie.e.umbarger.naf@mail.mil.

**WEDNESDAY  
MAY 21  
DAU-SSCF GRADUATION**

The Defense Acquisition University - Senior Service College Fellowship graduation ceremony for the 2013-2014 class will be held 11 a.m. in the Mallette Hall Auditorium, Building 6008. The graduation ceremony marks the culmination of ten months of full-time, rigorous study focused on developing acquisition and leadership attributes. A short reception will follow. RSVP by May 15 to James Oman at 410-272-9470 or email James.Oman@dau.mil.

**WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY  
MAY 21 & 22  
TAPS TRAINING FOR MENTORS**

The Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors (TAPS) is seeking active duty service members or recently-separated veterans to volunteer as

mentors during the TAPS Good Grief Camp, supporting children of fallen military, over the 2014 Memorial Day Weekend.

Approximately 500 children are expected in the Washington, D.C. area to learn coping skills and support systems through the camp during the 20th Annual TAPS National Military Survivor Seminar and Good Grief Camp.

Mentors will be matched with children ranging from 4 to 19-years-old and serve as a "big brother/big sister to remind them that they are not forgotten and still very much a part of the military family.

Activities last Friday, May 23 through Sunday, May 25.

Mandatory training takes place 6 to 9 p.m., May 21 or 1 to 4 p.m., May 22 at the Marriott Crystal Gateway, 1700 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Va. 22202.

Hours for Memorial Day weekend events, also located at the Marriott Crystal Gateway, are 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Friday, May 23; 8 a.m. to 10 p.m., Saturday, May 24; and 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Sunday, May 25.

Volunteers also can participate in the Arlington Cemetery ceremony May 26. Dress uniform is required for this ceremony.

All other days dress is casual and volunteers will receive two TAPS t-shirts to wear. There is no cost for food, mentors and children will eat together.

Trained grief facilitators will lead each group of mentors and children. Volunteers must successfully pass background checks.

View a list of expectations here: <http://www.taps.org/National/2014/GGCMentorRequirements/>

To register, go to the TAPS website at <http://www.taps.org/GGCMentors> and click on register as a "Good Grief Camp Mentor." For more information or to request a letter requesting time off, email: mentors@taps.org or call 1-800-959-TAPS (8277).

**ONGOING  
FINRA FOUNDATION MILITARY  
SPOUSE FELLOWSHIP FOR  
THE ACCREDITED FINANCIAL  
COUNSELOR® PROGRAM**

The Association for Financial Counseling and Planning Education® (AFCPE®), in partnership with the National Military Family Association and the FINRA Investor Education Foundation, is pleased to announce the FINRA Foundation Military Spouse Fellowship for the Accredited Financial Counselor® Program application period. This program provides up to 50 military spouses with the education necessary to enter the financial counseling career field. Visit [www.MilitaryFamily.org](http://www.MilitaryFamily.org) for more information. Looking for Job search information, contact the ACS Employment program 410-278-9669/7572.

**TUESDAYS THROUGH  
MAY 20  
AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE  
CLASS**

American Sign Language basic and advanced classes runs through May 20, 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. in Bldg. E3330-31, Room 270, APG South (Edgewood). Bring your lunch. Class is free. Text book (encouraged, but not required) is "A B C, A Basic Course in American Sign Language". To register or for more information, call Beth Ann Cameron, 436-7175, Pat Reeves at 436-2917 or Randy Weber at 436-8546.

**CORVIAS 2014 GRANT AND  
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS  
AVAILABLE**

The Corvias Foundation has announced that applications for the 2014 Our Future Scholarships and the 2014 Our Family Educational Grants are now available.

Applications for the 2014 Our Family Educational Grants must be submitted by May 8, 2014. Grants are given in the amount of up to \$5,000 to spouses of active-duty service members at the installations listed above. Applicants may be in any stage of the educational process. Recipients will be notified by July 10.

Families do not have to reside in on-post housing to qualify. Eligible service members stationed at these installations can serve in any branch of the military.

To apply, go to <http://corviasfoundation.org>. For more information, call 401-228-2836 or email [info@corviasfoundation.org](mailto:info@corviasfoundation.org)

**AIRBORNE HAZARDS & OPEN  
BURN PIT REGISTRY**

VA encourages all Gulf War Veterans – anyone who served in the Persian Gulf area from August 1990 to present - to sign up for the Airborne Hazards and Open Burn Pit Registry which is established by Public Law 112-260. The registry provides an opportunity for veterans to receive information updates and to help VA improve its understanding of deployment-related health effects. During deployment, Gulf War veterans may have been exposed to smoke from burn pits, oil-well fires, and air pollution. Veterans must complete an online health questionnaire to participate in the registry. For more information, visit [www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/burnpits/](http://www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/burnpits/).

**CPR, AED CLASSES  
SCHEDULED**

The APG Fire and Emergency Services Division of the Directorate of Emergency Services has released its schedule for CPR and automated external defibrillator (AED) classes for 2014. Two classes will be held the third Wednesday of each month at 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. in the same location.

May 21, APG North (Aberdeen) chapel  
June 18, Edgewood Conference Center  
July 16, APG North (Aberdeen) chapel  
Aug. 20, Edgewood Conference Center  
Sept. 17, APG North (Aberdeen) chapel  
Oct. 15, Edgewood Conference Center  
Nov. 19, APG North (Aberdeen) chapel  
Dec. 17, Edgewood Conference Center

Class size is limited to 30 participants. For more information or to register, contact Mike Slayman, assistant chief of EMS, at 410-306-0566 or e-mail [michael.p.slayman.civ@mail.mil](mailto:michael.p.slayman.civ@mail.mil).

**INSIDE APG**

APG commanders and subject matter experts will discuss topics of interest to the local community every Saturday and Wednesday at 7:50 a.m. during "Inside APG: Creating One Community Without a Gate," a monthly radio series on 970 WAMD. For more information about the series, to schedule or request an interview, call the Garrison Public Affairs Office at 410-278-1150. For previous interviews, follow these links:<http://youtu.be/a8vuMdxmG50>; <http://youtu.be/se7hTkwnbO8>

**ARMY WELLNESS CENTER  
OFFERING SERVICES AT APG  
SOUTH CLINIC**

The Army Wellness Center (AWC) is now seeing clients at the APG South (Edgewood) Clinic, Bldg. E4110 twice a month. Clients will now have the opportunity to have their metabolism and body composition assessment done without having to drive to APG North (Aberdeen). Service members and their Family members, retirees and Army civilian employees can make an appointment at the AWC or can be referred by their unit or primary health care provider at Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic. Clients can reach their goals by making a positive, long-lasting change in their health and well-being. For more information or to schedule your appointment with the AWC please call 410-306-1024.

**FRIDAY NIGHT OPEN  
RECREATION FOR TEENS**

The APG North (Aberdeen) Youth Center, Bldg 2522, invites all high school students out to its free Friday Night Open Recreation for Teens, every Friday from 6 p.m. to midnight. Teens are invited out to meet new friends, shoot some hoops or just play some pool. Bring up to two non-DoD friends to join in the fun. For more information, call 410-278-4995.

**YOUTH CENTER OPENINGS**

The Aberdeen and Edgewood programs currently have immediate openings for the 2013-2014 school year at their School Age & Youth Services facilities. Openings are available in both locations for eligible users. For more information, call 410-278-7571/7479.

**PIANO & GUITAR LESSONS**

Each class is a one-on-one, 30-minute session for seven or eight weeks, once a week. Parents choose a time between 3 and 9 p.m. when they register their children. Open to all DOD ID cardholders. To register, visit Central Registration or call 410-278-7479/7571. For information, email [lauren.e.kateley.naf@mail.mil](mailto:lauren.e.kateley.naf@mail.mil) or call 410-278-4589.



**Janice Downey**  
Army Community Service

Chief of Aberdeen Proving Ground's Army Community Service (ACS) Janice Downey has served for more than 35 years. Downey assists the Garrison commander with facilitating the social service needs of the community.

"[I enjoy] the energy of others, the challenge and the people," Downey said.

Downey holds a bachelor's degree in home economics with emphasis on early childhood and family life.

She said her military background as an military child and then an Army spouse drew her to her current line of work.

"Being an Army Family member— young and now seasoned—offered me opportunities to adapt to a variety of cultures and customs, both here and abroad," she said. "I believe it also helped me become more flexible and adaptable to change, which is constant in this field of work. And finally and most importantly, our military people, their energy, their ups and downs, their cares, their hard times

and good times, all brought together to proudly serve our nation."

Army Community Service provides prevention and education services through programs such as Family Advocacy, Victim Advocacy, Employment Readiness, Exceptional Family Member Program, Relocation, Mobilization/Deployment, Financial Readiness and Army Emergency Relief.

During April, the organization promoted the prevention of domestic violence, volunteerism and employment opportunities through job fairs and other outreach events.

To contact Downey, email [janice.l.downey.civ@mail.mil](mailto:janice.l.downey.civ@mail.mil) or call 410-278-2500/7572. For more information about ACS, call 410-278-7572/4372, go to the website at [www.apgmwr.com/community/acs.html](http://www.apgmwr.com/community/acs.html) or visit the ACS in Bldg. 2503, APG North (Aberdeen), Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

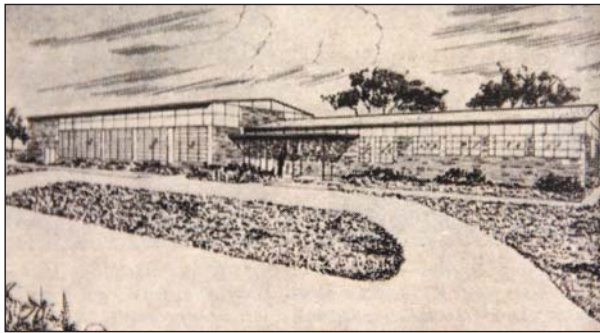
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# APG NEWS

## This Week in APG News history

By YVONNE JOHNSON, APG News



### 50 Years Ago: April 30, 1964

**Clockwise from left:**  
(From left) 1st Sgt. William Harrington of the 523rd MP Company talks marksmanship with 1st Lt. Donna Weber of the WAC Detachment behind a display of Harrington's trophies. The pair recently participated in the Second U.S. Army Pistol Championships. Harrington won the distinguished pistol badge and Weber won the overall ladies championship.

Ground is broken for the new Social Services Club – the current APG North (Aberdeen) recreation center – a \$580,000. The club is set for completion in November 1965. The Army Corps of Engineers is overseeing the project with the Verdel Construction Company of Baltimore the chief contractor.

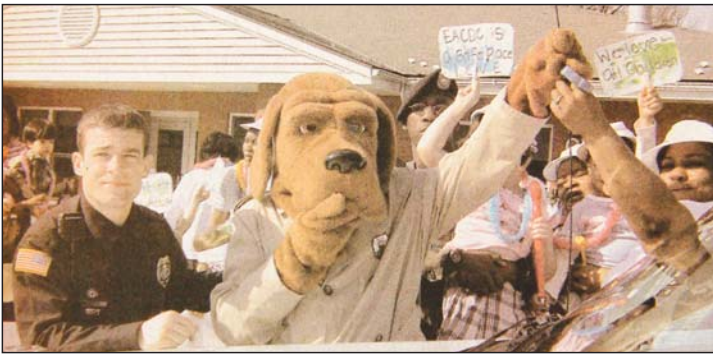
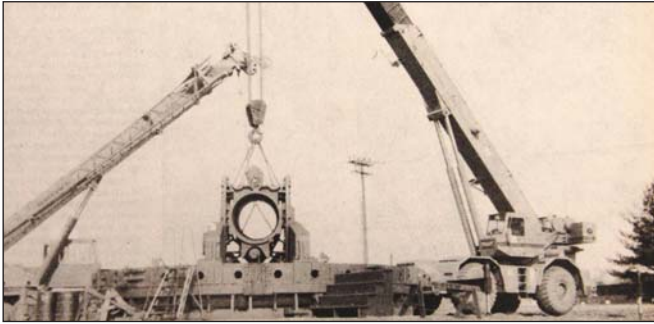
German and Russian tanks are lined up in the Army Ordnance Museum in preparation for the Armed Forces Day celebration set for May 16, 1964.

### 25 Years Ago: May 3, 1989

**Clockwise from left:**  
(From left) Pfc. Winon Storay and Spc. Ken Smith, dental technicians at Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic trim teeth impression models. The two can create partial appliances and full-mouth dentures, prosthesis, crowns and other Families.

(From left) Four-year-olds Derrick King and Stephen Carter are all smiles while sitting in a Maryland National Guard helicopter that was flown to the Edgewood Child Development Center from Weide Airfield. More than 50 3-5-year-olds took in the demonstration.

(From left) A heavy crane used to disassemble the Mod III Mark I 16-inch gun to the Ordnance Museum field lifts the crane from its base. It took four heavy cranes, two Abrams tanks as well as 300 personnel to disassemble, relocate and reassemble then 70-year-old barrel and the barbette carriage. The gun, with the 68-foot barrel, weighs about 500 tons.



### 10 Years Ago: April 29, 2004

**Clockwise from left:**  
The Maryland National Guard's 121st Engineer Battalion, also known as Task Force 21, prepares to depart APG during an April 15, 2004 ceremony at the APG North (Aberdeen) recreation center. (From right) Garrison Commander, Col. Mardi U. Mark and Task Force 21 Lt. Col. Thomas Jarvis preside over the ceremony.

(From left) APG police officer Barry Krehnbrink, McGruff, Military Police officer Pfc. DeVon Wickware and Diana Hayes of ACS Parents and Children Together coordinator tie a blue ribbon on a DES patrol car for Child Abuse Prevention Month.

Gary Deal of Aberdeen Test Support Services climbs out of the fire support configuration of the Army's new Stryker medium-armored combat vehicle. The Stryker is playing a key role in the war efforts in Iraq.



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## SHARP breakfast promotes positive exchange at APG

CECOM Command Sgt. Maj. Kennis Dent encourages listeners to keep up the dialogue and discussion about SHARP issues during the SHARP breakfast at the APG North (Aberdeen) chapel April 28. A panel of subject matter experts from on post and the surrounding community took questions regarding prevention, reporting and treatment measures. “We have to talk about it,” Dent said. “It starts with intervention. We need to stop incidents before they happen. If we don’t intervene, we’re just as guilty.” He encouraged listeners to take what they learned back to their organizations. Panel member, SARC coordinator and environmental science officer, Lt. Col. Chris Moser, agreed, noting that statistics show more victims are coming forward. “People are trusting the system because commanders like APG Acting Senior Leader Col. Charles Gibson and CECOM Command Sgt. Major Dent are getting involved,” she said. “That’s what’s doing it for us and that’s what we have to keep going so victims will continue to speak up so they can get the help they need.” SHARP coordinator, 1st Lt. Raisa Velez hosted the event.

Photo by Yvonne Johnson

# Board winners rise above competitors

Continued from Page 1

rose above their competitors, he said. “This is easy for us because we have all the answers. But for these Soldiers to be able to sit here and keep their composure under all this pressure the way they did is commendable. In the end they [Walker and Sykes] stood out as the most professional.” Though he had no vote, Beharie said he based closing questions on observations from the Soldiers’ board packet or the sponsors’ Leader Book.

“If I observe a problem I need to make sure they’re aware of it and that they need to fix it,” he said. “I also make recommendations when needed.” For example, in acknowledgement of two female sergeants major on the board, Beharie recommended that male Soldiers take the time to ask female NCOs about their careers and experiences.

“The only way we can gain their perspective; to understand the Army through their eyes, is to ask them. You have to walk a mile in someones’ shoes to understand what they go through,” Beharie said. Board members included Sgt. Maj. Adrienne Harris, 1st Area Medical Laboratory; Sgt. Maj. Alicia Singer, U.S. Army Public Health Command; Master Sgt. David Henderson, 20th CBRNE Command; 1st Sgt. Paul Cottrell, U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command; and 1st Sgt. David Griego,

“This is easy for us because we have all the answers. But for these Soldiers to be able to sit here and keep their composure under all this pressure the way they did is commendable. In the end they [Walker and Sykes] stood out as the most professional.”

Command Sgt. Maj. Lebert Beharie  
Board President

22d Chemical Battalion (TE). Sponsors reported to the board members prior to the candidates. With Leader Books in hand they answered questions about their Soldier or NCO and then took a seat. After knocking loudly, candidates entered the room, executing sharp facing movements while centering themselves in front of and reporting to the president. After more facing movements during which board members observed the candidates uniform and decorations, the candidate is seated and instructed first share their background goals and reason they should be selected and then respond to questions from the panel. Board members delivered a series of questions ranging from Military Customs and Courtesy, to Land Navigation, the Army Physical Fitness Test, Drill and Ceremonies, the Uniform Code of

Military Justice, and much more. At the end, scores were tallied by Board Recorder Sgt. Christopher Serna of CECOM and then **Staff Sgt. Thomas Walker** Walker thanked all who supported him through his quest, especially Parker. “Thanks to everyone who pushed me and believe in me,” he said. Walker’s sponsor, Master Sgt. Linwood Parker, also sponsored last years’ NCO winner. Parker said he expected only the best from Walker. “His job is to take care of Soldiers every day and that’s what he does,” Parker said. “He’s a hard worker in a leadership position who consistently distinguishes himself. We expected him to win.” **Spc. Taylor Sykes** Sykes said he felt confident after his

appearance before the board. “I feel I did well; I know I did my best,” he said, adding that it took a moment to sink in when he heard his name announced as the winner. “I was surprised and relieved. I felt I was prepared and that confirmed it.” The explosive ordnance disposal specialist added that he plans to complete his education before leaving the military and pursue a civil service career. **The candidates** Candidates for NCO of the Year included Sgt. Joshua Boggess, 1st AML; Staff Sgt. James Colling, 22d Chem.; and Sgt. Eric Jimenez, PHC. Competitors for Soldier of the Year honors included Spc. Stephen Murray, USAPHC; Spc. Christopher Roper, 20th CBRNE Command; and Pfc. Gina Esposito, 1st AML.

# Earth Day includes STEM outreach activities

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“It’s all about touch and hands-on learning,” said Norma Warwick, facilities director of the youth center. “It’s not just about seeing things. Seeing is great, but it’s experiencing them that allows you to learn.” ARL and the youth center have had a partnership through the U.S. Army Education Outreach Program (AEOP) and the National Defense Education Program (NDEP). Because the NDEP provides funding for science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) outreach with students, APG STEM colleagues also participated in Friday’s event. “An important part of our effort is to perform STEM outreach to our military community and APG,” said Lisa Marvel, ARL engineer and Earth Day event coordinator. “A perfect way to do this is through child, youth and school services (CYSS). As a parent, an Army engineer and proponent of STEM education, I understand the importance of scientific curiosity and critical thinking. STEM outreach events, such as Earth Day, can increase our children’s exposure to fun and interesting things and can help pique their curiosity and encourage critical thinking.” “It’s a fantastic opportunity to work students in hands-on activities related to real-life environmental topics and influence their critical thinking and creativity development in a short period of time,” added APG STEM Outreach program leader and primary Earth Day coordinator Dr. Sandy Young. Children had the chance to participate

in various activities, including building their own solar-powered fan circuits, learning about photosynthesis through planting and participating in games that taught about recycling and conservation. North Harford Elementary School third grader Flynn Selby, 9, said he learned a lot from the Earth Day event. “I’ve been finding out ways to use natural things and resources and not pollute,” he said. When asked if he was having a good time, Selby grinned widely and replied, “Oh yeah, I love science stuff.” Earth Day is just one of the many events ARL and the CYSS organize together. They also host various programs during the summer months and for national chemistry and engineering weeks. “This fosters engaged, hands-on learning,” Warwick said. “The kids are asking questions; they want to know what’s going on...It really is a great educational opportunity.” Organizations present at the event included ARL, the U.S. Army Public Health Command, Communications-Electronics Research Development and Engineering Center (CERDEC), Edgewood Chemical and Biological Center (ECBC), Research, Development and Engineering Command (RDECOM), the APG Fire Department, other Garrison organizations, Corvias Military Housing, Maryland master gardeners, Scales and Tales, Mason-Dixon Rescue Dogs, Harford County Public Library, Senior Scientist Society and the Maryland section of the American Chemical Society.



(Left) Joyce Browning from the University of Maryland Extension Master Gardeners gives a student a small amount of worm compost to put in the cup he will use to grow a plant. (Right) North Harford Elementary School student Abigail Buckland, 8, learns how worms can be used to test soil health at an Earth Day station led by U.S. Army Edgewood Chemical and Biological Center research biology scientist Mike Simini.

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# SHARP reporting shows 51 percent increase

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reduce and prevent sexual harassment and assault in the Army,” Altendorf said.

“But we’re also having lots of help. It’s not just us doing this. The White House is all over this. We have monthly meetings with the White House. Congress in 2014 passed 33 provisions dealing with sexual assault in the military... It’s a big program, it’s a big issue, and we’ve been very, very reactionary.”

Altendorf stated that she and others on her staff are looking at ways to facilitate more harassment training for civilians and Soldiers. She added that senior Army leaders are holding senior leader summits and panels with sexual assault response coordinators and victim advocates to determine what needs improvement.

There has been an increase in reporting of sexual assaults by 51 percent from 2012 to 2013, she said, with 5.3 percent of said reports being about sexual assaults prior to military service and 15 percent of them being greater than a year old.

“We believe that we are starting to create an environment where victims feel a little more comfortable coming forward; that is our goal, that is what we’re trying to do,” Altendorf said. “What we’re try-



(From left) Wilbur Richburg of ATEC and Ashley Reid of IMCOM perform a vignette about sexual harassment during the 2014 Sexual Harassment and Assault Prevention (SHARP) Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM) closing ceremony April 23 at the Myer Auditorium. The event was held in conjunction with Honor Denim Day, when people wear jeans to promote awareness.

Photo by Deborah Ince

ing to do is help the victim. People can struggle with this for years and years. And now they’re feeling like they can get the help and services that they need. So those are some things that we feel are happening step-by-step, baby-step-by-baby-step, but we’re seeing what we do believe is a slight change in culture.”

Altendorf presented additional statistics about sexual assault reporting in the Army, stating that 64 percent of incidents were reported to have occurred on post; 82 percent of the victims were female; 97 percent of the perpetrators were male; 58 percent of the reports were service member on service member; and 42 percent of the reported incidents involved civilians.

The director added that because of such statistics, it is important that there are both soldier and civilian policies and procedures in place that educate and assist those involved in a sexual harassment or assault incident.

“The Army values are so very, very important,” she said. “That climate of dignity and respect is crucial...Culture will change with each and every individual.”

To learn more about SHARP, visit the program’s website at <http://www.preventsexualassault.army.mil/>.

# Performance triad focuses on health, wellness

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gram complements the DoD’s Operation Live Well campaign, the Army’s Ready & Resilient Campaign, R2C, and the Comprehensive Soldier and Family Fitness Program. The Performance Triad program was implemented in 2013 by Lt. Gen. Patricia D. Horoho, Army surgeon general and commander of the U.S. Army Medical Command. Horoho said that to reduce costs and remain mission-ready Army Medicine needs to transition from a health care system focused on

treating disease to a system for health, focused on prevention.

According to Military OneSource, obesity and tobacco use among U.S. military health care beneficiaries adds more than \$3 billion per year to the Department of Defense budget in health care costs and lost duty days. According to the Center for Disease Control, more than one-third of all Americans are obese.

“The Army is supposed to be setting the standard for health and fitness, if we

are not all in one hundred percent, we cannot expect the rest of America to follow suit,” Moore said.

Moore said that the Performance Triad program encourages people to achieve and maintain balance in all three areas. Experts recommend people get seven to eight hours of sleep per day, walk at least 10,000 steps per day and eat a healthy diet rich in fruits and vegetables.

### Performance Triad Events

The festivities start May 7 with a 5K

Run and 2 mile walk from 6:30 to 8 a.m. in the Main Exchange (formerly known as the PX) parking lot. Those who are interested in participating should register at <http://performancetriad5k.eventbrite.com>. The first 50 participants registered will receive a free t-shirt. Moore recommends that participants come to the event early.

After the run, at 10 a.m. will be an “APG Healthy Kids Kickoff” for preschool-aged children who attend the Child Development Center and Family Child Care program in the APG North (Aberdeen) recreation center. During this event, Soldiers will lead the children in various activities, including an obstacle course, dancing, and the game “Red Light, Green Light.” Soldiers will also teach children about nutrition and sleep. Moore said that she plans to organize an “APG Healthy Kids” event for older children in the summer.

“I think the concepts of sleep, activity and nutrition should be taught to children at a young age,” Moore said.

Performance Triad Health Fair kicks off at 11 a.m. Local nutritionists, physical fitness trainers, physical therapists and other representatives will be on hand to answer questions and provide information. Massage therapists will also give free mini massages.

The Slim Down Challenge Finale takes place during this event, from noon to 12:30 p.m. The “biggest losers” from across the installation will be recognized for their efforts in achieving improved overall health and wellness.

In addition to the May 7 kickoff, the Army Wellness Center will also host several events throughout the week. On Monday, May 5, there will be a circuit training class from 11 a.m. to noon in front of the Myer Auditorium in the C4ISR Campus, Bldg. 6000, and another one in the atrium of ATEC Headquarters, Bldg. 2202, from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.

On Tuesday, May 6, AWC staff members will show Commissary customers healthy alternative during the “Healthier Way to Shop” tours from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the APG Commissary.

A “Healthy Sleep Habits” class is set for noon to 1 p.m., Thursday, May 8, at the Army Wellness Center, located on the third floor of KUSAHC.

Throughout the year the AWC, KUSAHC, the U.S. Army Public Health Command and the Community Health Promotion Council will team together to host Performance Triad events. All activities are free and open to Soldiers, DoD civilians, contractors, retirees and Family members. For more information contact Moore at 410-278-1773 or email [joanna.t.moore.mil@mail.mil](mailto:joanna.t.moore.mil@mail.mil).

## DID YOU KNOW?

### Did you know the Army Reserve celebrated its 106th birthday April 23?

Lots of folks knew.

In Salem, Va. the Stonewall Jackson Chapter of the Association of the United States Army marked the occasion with an NCO induction ceremony and birthday cake cutting ceremony at the Salem Reserve Center.

In Arlington Heights, Ill., the multi-component Army Reserve unit, 85th Support Command, celebrated the Army Reserve’s 106th birthday at the unit’s headquarters with Mayor Thomas Hayes, local mayor, and former West Point, U.S. Military Academy graduate; which was immediately followed by an Army Superior Unit Award presentation. “I have served in both the active and reserve status during my 36 plus year Army career. As a soldier, I was accustomed to celebrating the Army’s birthday on June 14 of each year, but I had never celebrated the Army Reserve’s birthday,” said Command Sgt. Maj. Kevin Greene, Command Sergeant Major, 85th Support Command.”

In Des Moines, Iowa Army Reserve Soldiers from 1st Battalion, 383rd Training Support Battalion, 166th Aviation Brigade, First Army Division West – based at Fort Des Moines- celebrated by giving back to the community. Soldiers worked with the Department of Recreation to remove removed logs and brush from Greenwood Park, the first step in restoring the park to a more natural state after a rough winter. After the cleanup project the Soldiers returned to their reserve center where they hosted a 106th birthday celebration with Mayor Pro Tem T.H. Bob Mahaffey, a 14-year Air Force Reserve veteran.

Yvonne Johnson, APG News

Created in 1908 as the Medical Reserve Corps, today’s Army Reserve is a key complimentary operational force that supports the entire United States. The Army Reserve consists of nearly 200,000 “Citizen-Soldiers”. Since 9/11, approximately 218,000 Army Reserve Soldiers have been called to active duty in support of the Army’s total force. Have an Army Reservist Family member or friend? Be sure to tell them ‘Happy Birthday.’ Show ‘em what you know.

U.S. Army Reserves

### Here’s how U.S. Army Reserve Command Soldiers and civilians celebrated the 106th birthday:



U.S. Army photo

U.S. Army Reserve Command Soldiers and civilians form the shape of 1-0-6 during the U.S. Army Reserve 106th birthday celebration at the USARC headquarters at Fort Bragg, N.C., April 23.

And in Maryland, Annie S. Brock, president of the Harford County Commission on Veteran Affairs tweeted the graphic below:



## Carl, how popular is the APG Facebook page?

So popular, Fort Meade comes to us for updates



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# APG SNAPSHOT

A peek at the events making news in and around U.S. Army Garrison Aberdeen Proving Ground. For complete photo coverage, visit <http://www.flickr.com/photos/usagapg/>.



## RUNNERS FLOCK TO BOSS BUNNY HOP

(Above): Runners take off from the starting line of the Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers (BOSS) Bunny Hop 5K Run at APG South (Edgewood) Hoyle Gym, April 25. After the run, the relay team winners and the top three male and female runners were given Easter-themed gift baskets. The BOSS program hosts similar recreational events throughout the year and works to identify and improve quality of life issues for Soldiers on post.

(From left): Spc. Stephen Murray races to hand off his team's flag to Master Sgt. Jason Stilwell during the relay race held before the Bunny Hop 5K Run. The winning relay team hailed from the 68th Chemical Company. Wearing dark blue T-shirts, team members included Staff Sgt. James Colling, Spc. Shawn Whitman, 1st Lt. Raymon Cheng and Pfc. Kyle Hale.

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## BANGING THE KEYS, AIMING TO PLEASE



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(Above) Dueling Pianos performer Vince Lombardi sports a wig hat during a country sing-a-long. Performers and audience members alike used various props to incorporate along with each song rendition.

(Left) Mike McCaslin of Dueling Pianos rocks out on stage, incorporating speedy piano playing with a high-energy comedic performance. The act included sing-a-longs to popular 80s, pop, rock and country songs submitted by audience members.

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